MID ISLAND CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF ROTARACT

Last week being ‘World Rotaract Week’, March 11th-18th, 2018, The Rotary Club of St. Maarten-Mid Isle was joined by The Rotaract Sunrise Club President Micaela Hart and five Rotaractors.

We were shown an interesting power point on 50 Years of Rotaract by the Rotaractors. The Rotaract Sunrise Club was charted on April 5th, 2005.

Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 at Charlotte North Rotary Club in Charlotte and has grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 9,522 clubs spread around the world and 291,006 members. It is a service, leadership, professional and community service organization for young men and women between the ages 18–30. Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. Clubs around the world also take part in international service projects, in a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world. "Rotaract" stands for "Rotary in Action", although the name originally comes from a combination of "Rotary" and "Interact" (International + Action), the high school level program created by Rotary International in 1962.

Most Rotaract activities take place at the club level. Rotaract clubs hold formal meetings, usually every two weeks, which feature speakers, special outings, social activities, discussions or visits to other clubs. Club members get together on designated days for service project work, social events, or professional/leadership development workshops. The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service. To be eligible for membership, prospective members must be 18–30 years of age, show that they are committed to Rotaract, and show that they are of good standing in the community.

*The Rotary Club of St. Maarten-Mid Isle meets Tuesday at 7pm at Pineapple Pete in Simpson Bay. For more information please contact*[*rotarysxm.mi@gmail.com*](mailto:rotarysxm.mi@gmail.com)*or visit our face book page Rotary Club of St. Maarten-Mid Isle*